

# YOUNG DRIVER - PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Names of Parents or Guardian) (Name of Young Driver)

agree to the following conditions:

## 1. Young Driver's Responsibilities:

Initial all that apply

- ☐ I will not let anyone else drive or use the vehicle entrusted to me.
- ☐ I will not break driving laws. Any violations may result in a loss of vehicle privileges.
- ☐ I will not consume drugs or alcohol in the vehicle or operate any vehicle under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs. Any violation will result in the loss of vehicle privileges.
- ☐ Everyone in the vehicle must wear a seat belt and keep it fastened at all times.
- ☐ I will state my destination and time of return prior to using any vehicle. I will notify my parents if I think I will be more than 30 minutes late.
- ☐ I will not drive to endanger my life, the lives of my passengers, or anyone else on the road.

## 2. Costs and Maintenance of Vehicle.

\_\_\_\_\_ will be responsible for the following:  
(Name of Young Driver)

Indicate dollar amount or percentage of cost

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of vehicle       | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of fuel          | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance costs    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to the vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Fines and penalties  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance costs       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                |

Check all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Checking the fluids regularly              | <input type="checkbox"/> Do normal maintenance                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inspecting tires and checking air pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear or clean all windows                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting unusual performance              | <input type="checkbox"/> Report or re-fuel when gas tank is less than 1/4 full |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keeping the interior and exterior clean    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                      |  |

## 3. Driving Privileges.

This portion of the contract may be used to outline any additional conditions or limits on the use of the vehicle as agreed to by teens and parents:

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## 4. Parental Responsibilities.

Initial all that apply

- ☐ I will listen in a respectful manner to explanations or concerns expressed by my young driver regarding the operation of a vehicle or the terms of the contract.
- ☐ I will provide respectful feedback when accompanying my young driver in a motor vehicle.
- ☐ I will serve as a good role model when operating a vehicle and teach good driving skills and habits to my young driver.

*Over Please*

## 5. Operator Impairment as a Result of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs.

**A. Young Driver's Responsibility.** I will not get into the vehicle of a driver who has been drinking or using illicit drugs, I will seek alternate transportation or I will call you for advice and/or transportation at any hour from any place. I have discussed with you and fully understand your feelings regarding underage drinking and the use of illegal drugs. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

**B. Parent or Guardian's Responsibility.** I (We) agree to come and get you at any hour, from any place, with no questions asked and no argument at that time, or I (we) will pay for a taxi to bring you home safely. I (we) expect that a discussion of such an incident would follow at a later time.

Likewise, I (We) as your parent or guardian, agree to seek safe, sober transportation. I (we) will not drive if I (we) have been drinking, nor will I (we) ride with a friend who has been drinking.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

## 6. Legal Penalties.

Under current Maine law, all new drivers under 21 years of age operate with a two-year provisional license. Moving violations such as speeding, failure to obey traffic lights or stop signs, and other reckless driving offenses will result in the loss of the provisional license as follows:

*First offense*

*Loss of license for 30 days*

*Second Offense*

*Loss of license for 60 days*

*Third and subsequent offenses*

*Loss of License for 90 days*

Drivers under 21 years of age who operate with ANY level of blood alcohol are subject to the following penalties:

*First Offense*

*Loss of license for one year*

*Second and subsequent offenses*

*Loss of license for two years*

If a driver under the age of 21 with any blood alcohol level operates a motor vehicle with any passengers under 21 years of age, an additional *180 day license suspension* is added to the above penalties.

## 7. Liabilities.

All drivers are legally responsible for their own actions as a driver and vehicle owners may be legally liable for damages caused by any person operating the owner's vehicle.

Parents and young drivers should understand that insurance coverage and rates may be affected by any damages that result from the inappropriate use of the owner's vehicle.

**We agree to the terms of this contract, which may be revisited or revised at a later time.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

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(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Young Driver)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date